GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:506
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2002
FACILITIES TO COAST GUARD
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide more facilities to Coast Guard;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any steps in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have a proposal to acquire additional number of ships/motor boats and aircraft for Coast Guard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the fund earmarked therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (f): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 506 21.11.2002.

The augmentation of facilities in Coast Guard is an on-going process. A proposal to set up 10 new Boat Stations in a phased manner is being processed. The places tentatively selected are :-
West Coast - Vadinar (Gujarat), Jafarabad or Pipavav (Gujarat), Ratnagiri (Maharashtra), Bhatkal or Malpe (Karnataka), Beypore (Kerala) and Kavaratti in Lakshadeep.

East Coast - Kakinda (Andhra Pradesh), Gopalpur (Orissa) and Pondicherry.

Andaman & Nicobar - Kamorta.

Modernisation and development of Coast Guard is dictated primarily by the threat perceptions as also the emerging technologies. There are proposals to acquire ships/aircrafts for the Coast Guard during 2002-03 for which a sum of Rs. 271.40 crores has been earmarked. The proposals, after examination would be accorded approval, if considered appropriate. It may not be possible to indicate the details of these proposals as some of them may not be considered appropriate for according approval after examination.